

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Enclosed herein are Replacement Sheets of formal drawing Figures 1A and 2A, which have been amended to more accurately illustrate that which is recited in the pending claims. Applicants note Figure 2A is directed to non-elected subject matter, however, as Claim 1 is generic, Applicants are also amending Figure 2A with Figure 1A to facilitate rejoinder of the previously withdrawn and non-considered subject matter upon the allowance of Claim 1.

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 are pending. Claim 3 has been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner for being drawn to non-elected subject matter. By this Amendment, Claim 1 is amended to include two commas merely to clarify that the angle of displacement is maximized during a period when torque is transmittable. Applicants respectfully submit no new matter is presented herein.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a) for failing to show a fixed-type constant velocity joint capable of providing an angle α (as defined in Claim 1) that is no more than ten degrees. Applicants enclose Replacement Sheets of formal drawing Figures 1A and 2A, which have been amended to more accurately illustrate that which is recited in the pending claims, that is, an angle α that is no more than ten degrees. Applicants note Figure 2A is directed to non-elected subject matter, however, as Claim 1 is generic, Applicants are also amending Figure 2A with Figure 1A to facilitate rejoinder of the previously withdrawn and non-considered subject matter upon the allowance of Claim 1. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants respectfully acknowledge and appreciate the indication by the Examiner that Claims 1-4 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, 2nd paragraph set forth in the Office Action.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action rejects Claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended Claim 1 responsive to the rejection in order to clarify that it is the angle which is being maximized by adding two commas. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of Claims 1-4 are respectfully requested.

Conclusion

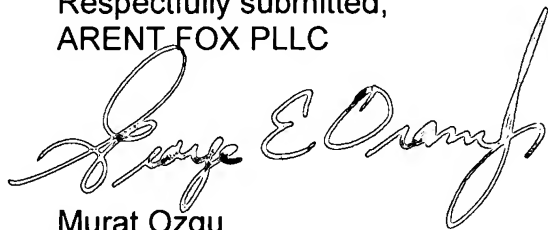
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejection, rejoinder of Claim 3, allowance of Claims 1-4, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 100725-00118.**

Respectfully submitted,
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Enclosures: Replacement Sheets of formal drawing Figures 1A and 2A
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